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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM THE AMBASSADOR

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MINISTER OF COURT ALAM PASSED TO ME AT MEHRABAD AIRPORT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PRESIDENT GISCARD'S DEPARTURE THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO YOU FROM THE SHAH IN REPLY TO REFTEL: BEGIN TEXT DEAR MR. SECRETARY: I THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE OF 6TH OCTOBER 1976 CONTAINING A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF YOUR MISSION TO AFRICA AND THE POLICIES THAT YOU ARE PURSUING IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. (PARAGRAPH) I CANNOT BUT FULLY CONFIRM AND SUPPORT THIS POLICY AND YOUR ENDEAVOURS AND IN THIS REGARD I PREVIOUSLY ADDRESSED TO YOU A NOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS. (PARAGRAPH) IT IS MY FIRM CONVICTION THAT YOU SHOULD INDEFATIGABLY FOLLOW THIS WISE POLICY. SOVIET INTENTIONS IN AFRICA WERE CLEAR FROM THE VERY BEGINNING AND THAT IS WHY WE WERE SO ALARMED AND I URGED YOU TO TAKE UP THE LEADERSHIP AND BECOME THE CHAMPION OF THE RIGHTFUL BLACK CAUSE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. (PARAGRAPH) HAVING VITAL INTERESTS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN REGION, IRAN WILL SUPPORT WITHIN HER MEANS ALL THE MODERATE MAJORITY BLACK REGIMES WHICH WILL EMERGE IN THE FUTURE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. (PARAGRAPH) WITH BEST WISHES FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUCCESS IN YOUR VALUABLE ENDEAVOURS, SINCERELY, MOHAMMAD REZA PAHLAVI.

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